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1. FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN TO ME REGARDING UNGA GENERAL COMMITTEE HANDLING OF KOREAN AGENDA ITEM. HE REALIZES THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTION NEED HAVE NO DIRECT NECESSARY EFFECT ON VOTING PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS, BUT IS CONCERNED BY MOMENTUM GAINED BY NORTH KOREANS AS RESULT GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTION. VOTE OF KENYA AND TO A LESSER EXTENT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PARTICULARLY WORRIED ROKG.

2. FONMIN ALSO ANXIOUS TO REVIEW DRAFT TEXT OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON US-ROK INITIATIVE AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK. FONMIN'S OFFICE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVANCE TEXT IN SEOUL IF POSSIBLE.

3. FONMIN ALSO EMPHASIZED ROKG INSISTENCE ON FRENCH CO-SPONSORSHIP AS PRICE FOR ACCEPTANCE FRENCH AMENDMENTS. IN CONVERSATION LAST EVENING WITH FONMIN AND MYSELF, FRENCH AMBASSADOR LANDY PROFESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH INITIAL REACTION TO FRENCH AMENDMENTS, INDICATING GOF NOT AVERSE TO DRAFTING CHANGES. HOWEVER, WHEN PINNED DOWN BY FONMIN, LANDY WAS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS

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ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR GOF COSPONSORSHIP, INDICATING THEY WOULD

DEPEND UPON REACTION OF MODERATE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO
FRENCH PROPOSALS. OBVIOUSLY THIS WORRIED FONMIN ALL THE MORE.
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